

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 17 as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~. Please cancel Claims 4-6, 11-14, and 18-19. Please add Claims 21-23.

1 (currently amended): A topical composition for treating wrinkles on the skin ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising silymarin dissolved in dipropylene glycol and contained in an amount of 0.7% to 2.0% by weight ~~and having a property effective~~ to promote the production of type I collagen and/or ~~a property~~ to promote the production of elastin.

2 (original): The composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the silymarin is an extract from silymarin-containing plant and/or derived from silymarin-containing plant.

3 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 1, which is used for preventing skin aging.

4-6 (canceled)

7 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 1, which is a cosmetic.

8 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is used for preventing skin aging.

9 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is used for external application on the skin.

10 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 3, which is used for external application on the skin.

11-14 (canceled)

15 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is a cosmetic.

16 (previously presented): The composition as claimed in Claim 3, which is a cosmetic.

17 (currently amended): A method for treating wrinkles on the skin of a subject by promoting the production elastin in an extracellular matrix of a dermis, comprising topically administering to a the subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising silymarin dissolved in dipropylene glycol and contained in an amount of 0.7% to 2.0% by weight.

18-19 (canceled)

20 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the administration is such that the production of elastin becomes double.

21 (new): A method for treating wrinkles on the skin of a subject by promoting the production elastin in an extracellular matrix of a dermis, comprising orally administering to the

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subject an amount of an oral composition comprising silymarin contained in an amount of 0.001% to 20% by weight.

22 (new): The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the amount is such that the dosage of silymarin is between 0.01 to 10 g a day all at once or over several times.

23 (new): The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the silymarin is an extract from silymarin-containing plant and/or derived from silymarin-containing plant.